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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATIVE
ARRANGEMENTS

HEREWITH ARE A FEW ANSWERS TO YOUR QUERIES:

1. REF STATE 099186. ALTHOUGH IN SPIRIT EMBASSY EAGER TO ASSIST IN HIRING LOCAL AND AMERICAN SECRETARIES, OUR ULTIMATE SUCCESS WILL DEPEND VERY MUCH ON AVAILABILITY OF AMERICAN TC WORKING WIVES. ALMOST ALL QUALIFIED DEPENDENTS OF U.S. MISSION WHO ARE AVAILABLE ALREADY EMPLOYED. LOCAL SECRETARIES WITH LANGUAGE COMPETENCY BECOMING RARE DUE TO HIGH DEMAND FROM BOOMING HOST COUNTRY ECONOMY. WE WILL TRY OUR BEST HERE BUT RECOMMEND THAT TC TEAMS BE MADE AWARE OF DESIRABILITY OF RECRUITMENT OF PRINCIPALS WITH WORKING WIVES.

2. COMMISSARY ALREADY HAS EXTENDED ITS OPERATING HOURS TO ACCOMMODATE INFLUX OF NEW TAFT PERSONNEL INCREASES AND RETIRED MILITARY. FOR THE PRESENT, WE BELIEVE TC PERSONNEL CAN BE ABSORBED WITHOUT RECOURSE TO SERVICE CHANGES WHICH WOULD CAUSE INEQUITIES AMONG STAFF OF OTHER US MISSION ELEMENTS. WE WILL WORK THIS PROBLEM OUT HERE AND LET YOU KNOW IF WE CANNOT REACH A
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SOLUTION. HOWEVER YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ACCESSORIAL

CHARGES ARE IMPOSED AT THE DOD/DA LEVEL AND OUR LOCAL MILITARY COMMISSARY OFFICER HAS NO AUTHORITY TO ALTER ARMY REGULATIONS ON HIS OWN. YOU MIGHT WISH TO CHECK THIS OUT WITH DOD/DA. RE STATE 102508, DOLS 32,975 IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO OTHER THAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN IRAN. DIFFERENTIATION DETERMINED THROUGH CHECK OF CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS.

3. NO PROBLEM IN ACCEPTING ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN AT TEHRAN AMERICAN SCHOOL WHO AWARE OF TC ARRIVALS.

4. REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER COMING TEHRAN MAY 26. WE WILL DISCUSS MEDICAL SERVICE QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY AT THAT TIME. WILL LET YOU KNOW IF PROBLEMS DEVELOP. MEANWHILE HOSPITAL AWARE OF SCHEDULE OF INCOMING TC PERSONNEL.

5. APO IS NEARING SATURATION POINT IN SERVICING RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN GREAT PART IN GOI-FMS CASES. OUR MILITARY COUNTERPARTS WILL DO THEIR BEST TO SUPPORT TC TEAMS AND WILL NEED TO CONTINUE SCRUTINIZING DEGREE OF SUPPORT TO ALL MISSION ELEMENTS.

6. ARMISH/MAAG IS ALREADY CONCERNED OVER GOI ABILITY TO PROVIDE AUTOMOBILES TO ITS OWN PROGRAM PERSONNEL. GOI ALREADY SEVERAL MONTHS BEHIND IN THEIR DELIVERING VEHICLES AGREED TO IN THE FY 75 TAFT PACKAGE AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS CAUSED BY TC TEAMS WILL OBVIOUSLY BE ADDED BURDEN ON GOI.

7. HOPE YOU ARE AWARE THAT IF WE RENT STL HOUSING FOR TC STAFFS, REMAINING ELEMENTS OF US MISSION WILL ALSO EXPECT MISSION CHANGE ITS POLICY AND BRING ALL PRIVATELY LEASED PROPERTIES UNDER USG STL BASIS. IF WE ARE TO AIM FOR CONSISTENCY IN THE APPLICATION OF UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR ALL MISSION PERSONNEL YOU CAN ASSUREDLY EXPECT EMBASSY TO SEEK AND EXPECT BUREAU APPROVAL AND FUNDING.

8. REF STATE 099722. DELAY IN FORWARDING SUPPORT ESTIMATES CAUSED BY OUR DELAY IN DETERMINING LEVELS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUIRED TC SUPPORT AND QUANTITIES OF PERSONNEL WE BELIEVE NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH SUPPORT TASK WHICH NOW ENORMOUSLY INCREASED OVER EARLIER ESTIMATES. IN SEPTEL WHICH FOLLOWS, YOU WILL NOTE THAT WE HAVE INCREASED NUMBER OF ADMIN POSITIONS AND EXPECT YOU TO SUPPORT OUR UPWARD REVISIONS.

9. REF STATE 096482. EMBASSY EXPECTING THAT TC ADVANCE

TEAMS WILL NEGOTIATE OFFICE SPACE AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS DIRECTLY WITH GOI SISTER AGENCIES.

10. OUR END-OF-LINE PROCUREMENT PROBLEMS ARE INCREASING DAILY. THIS MEANS THAT WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE LOCALLY AT EXHORBITANT PRICES, EMBASSY WILL FACE CONTINUING PROCUREMENT DELAYS. THERE ARE TODAY SOME 95 SHIPS IN PORT AWAITING BERTHS. SOME OF THESE SHIPS HOLDING OUR HHE AND OFFICIAL SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN OFFSHORE SOME 60 DAYS. DOCKING FACILITIES OVERCROWDED WITH MIXED ASSORTMENT OF TRUCKS, TYPEWRITERS AND A VARIETY OF CARGO WITHOUT MECHANIZED INVENTORY CONTROLS. OUR AGENTS FINDING US MISSION SUPPLIES BY EYEBALLING MILES OF OPEN-FIELD STORAGE, THEN WORMING THEIR WAY THROUGH CUSTOMS FUNNELS SOMETIMES 15 MILES ONG. WE WILL DO WHAT WE POSSIBLY CAN TO HELP TC TEAMS BUT HOPE YOU CAN MAKE THEM FULLY AWARE OF CONDITIONS HERE BEFORE DEPARTURE OF TEAMS.

11. REF STATE 103270 PARA 3. IMPERATIVE THAT YOU PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH INCREASED ADMIN STAFF PERSONNEL WHO ARE TRAINED, QUALIFIED AND WILLING TO HUSSLE SOONEST. WE BADLY NEED THESE PEOPLE TODAY RPT TODAY TO SET IN MOTION A VIABLE SUPPORT PROGRAM IN TIME TO WELCOME TC ARRIVALS.

12. EMBASSY WILL FORMALIZE POLICY FOR HOUSING UNIT TO TAKE CHARGE OF QUARTERS ASSIGNMENTS AS PEOPLE ARRIVE HERE. HOPEFULLY TC AGENCIES WILL BE INFORMED BY YOU BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE THAT EMBASSY WILL ASSIGN QUARTERS BASED ON DATES OF ARRIVAL, FAMILY SIZE AND REPRESENTATIONAL NEEDS.

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13. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE FROM MFA TRANSMITTING PERSIAN TEXT AND UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PRIVILEGES AND TAX EXEMPTIONS OF FOREIGN EXPERTS (TECHNICIANS) WHICH WILL APPLY TO TC TEAMS. THESE LEGISLATIVE REGULATIONS DATED 14 JULY 1966 ARE SIMILAR BUT NOT IDENTICAL TO PROVISIONS UNDER WHICH TOTAL US MISSION IS COVERED, BUT AFFORD SUFFICIENT LATITUDE AT THIS TIME.

14. IT NOW EVIDENT THAT MAIN SUPPORT BURDEN WILL FALL ON EMBASSY EVEN THOUGH GOI MAY BE WILLING TO PAY THE BILL. IN THIS CONNECTION AMBASSADOR AND UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON TOLD MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE ANSARY MORNING MAY 5 THAT WE NEEDED APPROXIMATELY

\$1 MILLION NOW TO BEGIN SHORT AND LONG-TERM LEASING
ARRANGEMENTS AND PREPARATION OF QUARTERS FOR OCCUPANCY.

ANSARY SAID HE NOW HAS BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEM
AND WILL HAVE HIS PEOPLE BE IN TOUCH WITH US TO GO OVER
THE MATTER ONCE AGAIN. UNTIL WE GET MONEY AND SUPPORT
MANPOWER, HOWEVER, WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT TC PERSONNEL
SHOULD NOT RPT NOT EXPECT OUR ASSISTANCE AND FOR MOST
NEEDS, OTHER THAN OFFICE SPACE, CERTAINLY NOT GOI
ASSISTANCE EITHER. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THERE-
FORE WE DO NOT BELIEVE TC PERSONNEL SHOULD PLAN TO COME
TO IRAN UNTIL WE HAVE MADE FURTHER PROGRESS IN SORTING
THESE MATTERS OUT.

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